



NAVARRE BEACH YACHT CLUB NEWS

JANUARY 2020



Commodore's Comments...

Welcome to the new year, one which I hope brings an incredible boating season filled with lots of NBYC outings! The club finished 2019 with a bang at the Christmas Party on December 7th; which proved to once again be a fantastic night. It was awesome to see so many members in attendance and thanks again to Bob Cluskey who coordinated all the festivities...including somehow negotiating a third drink ticket this year.

As we prepare to enter the next decade, I want to take a few moments to celebrate just how successful 2019 was for the club and the folks who made that possible. I can confidently speak for the entirety of our membership when I say, THANK YOU CHUCK! You created a culture of camaraderie and learning while still encouraging the usual debauchery and shenanigans that are the cornerstone of our organization. Introducing guest speakers to our monthly meetings was a massive step forward and I plan to continue that as the new standard in 2020.



Much appreciation again goes to Bob Cluskey, our outgoing Vice Commodore, and the most recent customer of Holley Hill Pottery. Thanks for always making sure everyone had a full mug of libation and encouraging attendance by threatening members with leadership positions. That strategy reminds me of the old adage, "The Beatings Will Continue, Until Morale Improves." I trust that Bill Keegan, our new Vice Commodore, will continue

to find creative ways to buoy up membership.

I'm also incredibly grateful for all the time and hard work that Lori Kadziolka, our Store Keeper, and Lea Shaw, our Web Mistress, have contributed year after year. Our organization is no doubt better off because of their relentless work. I'm sad to see them leave these posts but excited for Monica Meyer, our new Store Keeper, and Melissa Blanks, our new Web Mistress, to continue building our club's presence.

Special shout out to Bill Geyer, John Sheehan, and John Myran who've agreed to stay on as Sail Boater at Large, Power Boater at Large, and Marine Advisor for another year. In the two years I've been a member of the club, I've always learned the most from these men and I look forward to continuing that in 2020.

Finally, I can't thank Linda Griner and Sue Curran enough! Thank you not only for everything you did in 2019 (and many years prior), but for agreeing to stay aboard in 2020. It's the contributions of these two women that have allowed our club to continue flourishing year after year. Without your contributions I'm confident we'd quickly find ourselves run aground.



Speaking of 2020, don't forget about what's arguably the most important meeting of the year, the Activity Planning Meeting. This year it will be held on January 18th at 9 a.m. inside Sailors' Grill. This is the meeting where we'll set our course for the rest of the year by deciding what events to sponsor and host. The goal is to ensure we maximize our boating fun and diversify the club's activities so all members can

participate. Please try to make it to this meeting and if you're on the fence just remember that Sailors' Grill makes a mean Bloody Mary. However, if you can't make it but have a suggestion for an event or would like to be an event sponsor, just send your inputs to Chuck Howard (chuck.howard850@yahoo.com) who will be running the meeting as our Commodore Emeritus.

Alright, if you're still reading this, I commend you on your dedication. I'm looking forward to seeing you next week at our monthly meeting where our guest speaker for the night will be... YOU! That's right, we're going to kick off the year by sharing our boating "lessons learned" with the rest of the club. To prevent any potentially DA incriminating statements, I recommend starting each story with the phrase, "I once knew a guy who...." This meeting will also be our last meeting before membership renewal deadline of February 1st. So if you haven't renewed your membership yet, this would be a great time; \$25 for a single membership or \$35 for a family membership.

Commodore Drew

Dues are Due!

NBYC dues are paid from February through February. Members started paying dues in December with the Christmas party tickets, but if you haven't yet paid your 2020 dues, you can bring them to the January meeting or mail to:

Navarre Beach Yacht Club
PO Box 5455
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Family Membership: \$35
Single Membership: \$25

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